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(SBU) On November 6, post received a diplomatic note response to our request concerning the U.S. candidacy in the IMO (Ref B) from the Turkmenistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs. According to the response, "Turkmenistan will support the candidacy of the United States of America to the category "A" membership in the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in the election to be held in London from November 23 to December 4, 2009, during the 26th session of the IMO assembly."